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# **NON-FICTION**

#### **DKY 02954**

SOMETHING'S RISING: APPALACHIANS FIGHTING MOUNTAINTOP REMOVAL By Silas House and Jason Howard; narrated by John David Semones Author Silas House and activist Jason Howard gathered oral histories from eleven people negatively affected by this form of coal removal. Includes stories about folk singer Jean Ritchie, county music star Kathy Mattea, and others facing the physical destruction of their land and the loss of their health and culture. 2009. 10 hours, 1 minute.

#### **DKY 03015**

**BIG BONE LICK: THE CRADLE OF AMERICAN PALEONTOLOGY** 

By Stanley Hedeen; narrated by Bill Van Arsdall

Natural historian Stanley Hedeen presents a comprehensive narrative of Big Bone Lick from its geological formation forward. Explains why the fossil site attracted animals, regional tribespeople, European explorers and scientists, and eventually American pioneers and presidents. 2008. 4 hours, 18 minutes.

#### **DKY 03048**

**WICKED NEWPORT: KENTUCKY'S SIN CITY** 

By Dr. Thomas Barker, Dr. Gary W. Potter, & Jenna Meglen; narrated by John David Semones

Controlled by the heavy hand of the mob and fueled by government corruption, Newport, Kentucky, became a notorious center of criminal activity throughout the nineteenth and twentieth centuries. Considered to be the predecessor to Las Vegas, Newport developed gritty gambling and prostitution establishments that remained in place until reform efforts of the 1980's. 2008. 4 hours, 25 minutes.

#### **DKY 03062**

## JOSIE UNDERWOOD'S CIVIL WAR DIARY

Edited by Nancy Disher Baird; narrated by Lynda Sherrard Josie Underwood, outspoken member of a politically prominent family in Bowling Green, KY, is 21 years old when the first shots of the Civil War are fired in 1861. Her diary depicts the Union and Confederate tensions in strategically critical Bowling Green, a place of political unrest and military action. 2009. 7 hours, 55 minutes.

#### **DKY 03096**

#### **GHOSTS OF THE BLUEGRASS**

By James McCormick & Macy Wyatt; narrated by Norma Rash Documents over one hundred ghost stories from locales across Kentucky. Each chilling story depicts paranormal phenomenon such as haunted places, poltergeists or death omens. Includes the firsthand account of a nineteenthcentury family who, for three decades, were haunted in their Breckinridge County home. Foreward by William Lynwood Montell. 2009. 5 hours, 47 minutes.

**DKY 03098** 

THE GREAT LOUISVILLE TORNADO OF 1890

By Keven McQueen; narrated by John Schaaf

On March 27, 1890, a devastating storm system moved over the Ohio River Valley, spawning dozens of tornadoes. The most powerful twister touched down in Louisville, killing over 100 people and destroying nearly 800 buildings. It remains the 25th deadliest storm in US History. 2010. 4 hours, 8 minutes.

**DKY 03103** 

**KENTUCKY FOLKTALES: REVEALING STORIES, TRUTHS, AND OUTRIGHT LIES By Mary Hamilton; narrated by the author** 

A collection of 26 stories, including folktales, legends, tall tales, and ghost stories. Professional storyteller Mary Hamilton ends each story with information on where she heard the story, where it takes place, and how the story has evolved over time. Winner of a 2013 Storytelling World award for storytelling collections and a 2013 Ann Izard Storyteller's Choice Award. 2012. 9 hours, 22 minutes.

**DKY 03107** 

NICK AND VIOLA: A KENTUCKY FAMILY TRAGEDY IN THE TOBACCO WARS (1904-1911)

By Laura Muntz Derr; narrated by Norma Rash

In 1904, the ATC (American Tobacco Company) monopolized the tobacco market and groups began to pool tobacco to drive up the price. Farmers who refused to pool were subjected to the attention of vigilante groups, such as the "Night Riders." Beginning with Nick and Viola in 1899, three generations of the Muntz family were affected by these tobacco wars. 2013. 3 hours, 59 minutes.

**DKY 03125** 

NOT A FAN: BECOMING A COMPLETELY COMMITTED FOLLOWER OF JESUS By Kyle Idleman; narrated by Sally Smotherman

Are you a fan or a follower of Jesus? Kyle Idleman is the teaching pastor at Southeast Christian Church in Louisville, the fifth largest church in America. He challenges readers to consider what it really means to call yourself a Christian, instead of being just an enthusiastic Jesus admirer who goes to church every Sunday. 2011. 7 hour, 49 minutes.

**DKY 03145** 

TWO CENTURIES OF BLACK LOUISVILLE: A PHOTOGRAPHIC HISTORY By Mervin Aubespin, Kenneth Clay, & J. Blaine Hudson; narrated by Keith Knox Containing more than photographs, this book spans from 1581, when the Spanish brought the first African slaves to North America, to Louisville's founding in 1778, to the present. With text that could stand alone, portraits are included from a variety of research and personal resources. The authors

discuss slavery and segregation, as well as community, cultural, and political history. 2011. 14 hours, 28 minutes.

**DKY 03149** 

BLOOD FEUD: THE HATFIELDS AND THE MCCOYS: THE EPIC STORY OF

**MURDER AND VENGEANCE** 

By Lisa Alther; narrated by Norma Rash

The feud between the Hatfields and the McCoys began in 1865 when a Confederate relative of Devil Anse Hatfield killed a Union McCoy soldier. Ten years later, a McCoy accuses a Hatfield of stealing a hog. As the feud continues, multiple deaths ensue, resulting in a court trial where seven Hatfields are sent to prison and one is hanged in Kentucky's last public execution. Bestseller. 2012. 8 hours, 6 minutes.

**DKY 03153** 

THE CORNBREAD MAFIA: A HOMEGROWN SYNDICATE'S CODE OF SILENCE AND THE BIGGEST MARIJUANA BUST IN AMERICAN HISTORY

By James Higdon; narrated by Lynda Sherrard

In 1987, the cultivation of one of the largest outdoor marijuana crops in recent history was undertaken by Johnny Boone, now a federal fugitive. Higdon describes the clash between federal and local law enforcement in Marion County, Kentucky, which began with moonshine during Prohibition and continued through the Vietnam era to 1989, when 200 tons of marijuana were confiscated. Strong language. 2012. 15 hours, 8 minutes.

**DKY 03176** 

MADAM BELLE BREZING

By Buddy Thompson; narrated by Barbara Smith

Biography of Belle Brezing - madam of one of the South's finest brothels. Belle, the most infamous Madam of Lexington, Kentucky, in the late 1800s and early 1900s, is believed to be the prototype for Belle Watling in "Gone with the Wind." Belle would eventually become so renowned that Time magazine noted her death in its obituary column. Some descriptions of sex and some rough language. 1983. 5 hours, 43 minutes.

# **FICTION**

**DKY 2936** 

**KENTUCKY WALTZ: COLLECTED SHORT FICTION** 

By Garry Barker; narrated by Steve Taylor

The author's fourth collection of short stories features new, award-winning work, as well as old favorites, and contains 18 stories set in rural and Appalachian Kentucky. "Thanksgiving Visitor" is semi-autobiographical, and is based on the author's birth in 1943. Barker's stories have appeared in regional journals and magazines since the early 1980's. 2007. 6 hours, 14 minutes.

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#### **DKY 03021**

THE BLISTERED CAT: A NOVEL

By Chuck Bianchi; narrated by Ed Powe

14-year-old Chuck Moretti spends the summer of 1974 working in his father's funeral home located in a small mining town in eastern Kentucky. This coming-of-age book has vivid characters, funny situations, exhilarating emergencies and a young man who wants to remain a teenager. 2006. 9 hours, 46 minutes.

#### **DKY 03022**

#### **GIRLS MOST LIKELY**

By Sheila Williams; narrated by Barbara Smith

Vaughn, Reenie, Susan, and Audrey have been friends since fifth grade, despite having very different personalities and dreams. Now in their 50s, they each look back over 50 years of life's challenges and rewards. A humorous look at the importance of friendship to these contemporary African-American women. 2006. 9 hours, 23 minutes.

#### **DKY 03043**

## THE TRYST

By Grace Livingston Hill; narrated Priscilla Barnes

Overhearing an alarming conversation, Patricia Merrill runs away from her family home to New York City. Taking a false name, she obtains employment as the companion to a wealthy elderly woman. While visiting a resort Patricia encounters her childhood friend John Treeves and must decide if he can be trusted with the truth of her identity. 1921. 9 hours, 56 minutes.

#### **DKY 03057**

LOVING LIZA JANE: LITTLE HICKMAN CREEK, BOOK 1

By Sharlene MacLaren; narrated by Wanda Rodgers

1895. Liza Jane Merriwether has come to Little Hickman Creek, Kentucky, to teach. Widower Benjamin Broughton misses his wife but does the best he can to raise his two daughters alone. Desperate for help with his family Benjamin considers a mail-order bride - overlooking Liza Jane, the perspective bride God has already sent in his direction. Some violence. 2007. 10 hours, 14 minutes.

#### **DKY 03060**

#### THE SISTERS

By Nancy Jensen; narrated by Norma Rash

In 1927 sisters Mabel and Bertie Fisher live with their abusive step-father in Juniper, KY. On the day Bertie graduates from eighth grade, a drastic miscommunication occurs that severs the sisters' relationship. The story follows their separate lives as, as well as the lives of their daughters and granddaughters, from the Depression era to the present day. Includes a Reader's Guide. Some descriptions of sex. 2012. 11 hours, 33 minutes.

**DKY 03080** 

FLOWERING OF THE CUMBERLAND

By Harriette Simpson Arnow; narrated by Barbara Smith

A companion volume to Seedtime on the Cumberland (DKY 3184—in process), this novel illustrates the social aspects of pioneer life in the Cumberland Plateau region from 1780-1803, as settlers developed this fertile land between the Cumberland and Tennessee rivers. The author combines research, imagination, and experience to illustrate the culture and society of early Cumberlanders. Originally published in 1963. 16 hours, 29 minutes.

**DKY 03085** 

**UPHEAVAL: STORIES** 

By Chris Holbrook; narrated by Alan Adelberg

A collection of 8 stories examining the daily hardships of the working poor in an unsentimental portrait of modern-day Appalachia. Set in Eastern KY, the interrelated tales capture the region and its people in their struggles with poverty, isolation, and the devastation of the land. 2009. 5 hours, 34 minutes.

**DKY 03088** 

SARAH, MY BELOVED: LITTLE HICKMAN CREEK, BOOK 2

By Sharlene MacLaren; narrated by Wanda Rodgers

1896. Sarah Woodward travels from Boston to Little Hickman Creek, KY, as a mail-order bride. She arrives to find her prospective husband has fallen in love with another woman. Sarah is determined to learn the reason why God led her here. Then she meets Rocky Callahan, who has recently lost his own wife and child, and is raising his sister's orphaned children. 2007. 10 hours, 31 minutes.

**DKY 03089** 

**COURTING EMMA: LITTLE HICKMAN CREEK, BOOK 3** 

By Sharlene MacLaren; narrated by Wanda Rodgers

1896, Jessamine County, KY. At age 28, Emma Browning is an old maid who runs a boardinghouse. As the daughter of the town drunk, Emma has developed a tough exterior to deal with the rough-edged characters that reside in her establishment--except for pastor Jonathan Atkins. He is determined to help her overcome her past and accept love into her life, whether she wants him to or not. 2008. 11 hours, 34 minutes.

**DKY 03090** 

AN ATOMIC ROMANCE

By Bobbie Ann Mason; narrated by Joyce Honaker

Reed Futrell, an engineer at a uranium-enrichment plant, enjoys the outdoors and outer space, as well as spending time with his dog and his girlfriend Julia, a biologist. He and Julia enjoy discussing string theory and the space-time continuum, but they differ in their approaches to dealing with possible radioactive environmental pollution. Some descriptions of sex. 2005. 8 hours, 3 minutes.

**DKY 03091** 

# **MIDNIGHT MAGIC**

By Bobbie Ann Mason; narrated by Joyce Honaker

Drawn from the previously published collections Shiloh and Other Stories (DKY 01394) and Love Life (DB 29728), these 17 stories center on characters living in small towns in Kentucky. Selected and introduced by the author. 1998. 9 hours, 16 minutes. Also available as BR 12263.

**DKY 03097** 

#### **CALLING HOME**

By Janna McMahan; narrated by Barbara Smith

When Virginia's husband runs off with a beautician, there's not much she can do but carry on the best she can. She's got her hands full raising 18-year-old Will and wild 14-year-old daughter, Shannon. Shannon's desire to escape Falling Rock, KY reminds Virginia of her own painful past. She must do whatever it takes to keep Shannon from making the same tragic mistakes. Some strong language and some explicit descriptions of sex. 2008. 8 hours, 38 minutes.

**DKY 03111** 

#### A DEADLY GAME

By Virginia Smith; narrated by Lynda Sherrard

Susanna Trent discovers her boss's dead body, then receives a strange package from him filled with tokens and clues. Meanwhile, Susanna, the legal guardian of her three-year-old niece, begins to receive threatening phone calls. Jack Townsend is a wealthy executive who can help, but Susanna struggles to trust him. 2011. 5 hours, 50 minutes.

**DKY 03117** 

#### **SWEEPING UP GLASS**

By Carolyn Wall; narrated by Barbara Smith

Olivia Harker Cross works hard to protect her home and family in fictional Pope County, Kentucky. From growing up during the Depression, when her mother spent time in a mental institution, to facing wolf hunters on Big Foley Mountain, Olivia ignites both conflict and transformation in her community. Some strong language, some explicit descriptions of sex, and violence. Contains racial slurs. 2009. 7 hours, 38 minutes.

**DKY 03127** 

# THE SELF-IMPROVEMENT BOOK CLUB MURDER

By Todd Wright; narrated by Barbara Smith

Detective John Bookman and his newly divorced partner, Alec Berg, are called to investigate a socialite's murder. With her last dying breath she implicated the members of a self-improvement book club in the crime. The detectives suspect that the club's book selections might contain clues to solve the case. An entertaining murder mystery that also introduces readers to many classic self-help works. 2010. 4 hours, 28 minutes.

**DKY 03128** 

MURDER AT THE HIGH SCHOOL REUNION: A LT. DEKKER-SGT. MURDOCK MYSTERY, BOOK 5

By Steve Demaree; narrated by Richard Crane

Two people turn up missing after a local high school reunion. Did they run off together, or were they murdered? Lt. Dekker and Sgt. Murdock won't become involved until the couple's bodies are found--and until Dekker can lose enough weight to pass the Department's physical exam. 2011. 8 hours, 36 minutes.

**DKY 03144** 

THE SILVER THREAD: CHRONICLES OF THE GOLDEN FRONTIER, BOOK 4
By Gilbert Morris and J. Landon Ferguson; narrated by Jean Anne Webb
Abby DeSpain is missing, and her brother Grant is suspicious that she has gone
looking for the rogue Billy Rogers. Grant meets many intriguing characters on
his hunt for his sister through several boomtowns, and discovers that Abby is
following a trail of Billy's letters. Meanwhile, Abby finds herself caught in a
lawless boomtown, in need of saving. 2000. 9 hours, 42 minutes.

**DKY 03150** 

THE COUNTERTENOR WORE GARLIC: A LITURGICAL MYSTERY, BOOK 9 By Mark Schweizer; narrated by Bill Van Arsdall

Hayden Konig, police detective and organist at St. Barnabas Church, still has not become a successful hardboiled crime writer, despite owning a typewriter that once belonged to his idol Raymond Chandler. St. Barnabas gets a new interim minister and St. Germaine celebrates Halloween with a carnival--complete with zombies, vampires and a real dead body. 2011. 6 hours, 10 minutes.

**DKY 03155** 

**DEATH BY BRIDLE: A JOSIAH REYNOLDS MYSTERY** 

By Abigail Keam; narrated by Janet Kinstle

Josiah Reynolds investigates the murder of horseman Arthur Aaron Greene III, who is found hanging in a horse barn, with a nine-year-old boy as the only witness. Josiah discovers lies and deceptions involving her friend, Lady Elsmere, that reach back to 1962. Quirky characters abound in this mystery, set in Bluegrass Horse Country. Some strong language. 2012. 6 hours, 7 minutes.

**DKY 03160** 

THE QUEEN OF KENTUCKY

By Alecia Whitaker; narrated by Norma Rash

14-year-old Ricki Jo Winstead is beginning high school and reinventing herself. She prefers to be called Ericka, and she makes an effort to fit in with the popular kids and shed her farm-girl roots. But when her best friend and neighbor Luke experiences a serious incident, Ricki Jo realizes an important lesson about friendship. 2012. 8 hours, 43 minutes.

THE CHRISTMAS CANTATA: A ST. GERMAINE CHRISTMAS ENTERTAINMENT; A LITURGICAL MYSTERY, BOOK 10

By Mark Schweizer; narrated by Bill Van Arsdall

Typically, the three weeks leading up to Christmas are a time of goodwill towards men in St. Germaine, North Carolina--but not this year. Many of the town residents are feeling crabby, including Police Chief and organist Hayden Konig. But a long-lost cantata found in the courthouse basement spurs a special Christmas Eve performance. 2011. 3 hours, 24 minutes.

**DKY 03164** 

KINFOLKS: THE WILGUS STORIES

By Gurney Norman; narrated by Marvin Weinberger

A series of ten short stories portraying a young boy's growth to early manhood. Set in Eastern Kentucky, the stories pay particular attention to the relationship of Wilgus Collier to his large Appalachian family in the post WWII years. Strong language. Contains racial slurs. 1977. 2 hours, 54 minutes.

**DKY 03174** 

**HUNTER'S HORN** 

By Harriette Simpson Arnow; narrated by Mary Vaughn

Nunn Ballew's life is consumed by hunting "King Devil," a wily fox that torments his valley in Eastern Kentucky. His family suffers as he spends too much time and money on his beloved foxhounds, but the entire community must also contend with encroaching changes in 1930s Appalachia. Some strong language. 1949. 25 hours, 53 minutes.

**DKY 03186** 

**RIVER OF EARTH** 

By James Still; narrated by Marvin Weinberger

Seen through the eyes of a young boy, this seminal novel of Appalachia chronicles three years in which his family struggles to make a living after the local mine closes. They experience hunger and poverty but retain a love of the land that provides a sense of independence. First published in 1940, Still's masterpiece captures the authenticity and poetry of mountain speech. Foreword by Dean Cadle. 1978. 6 hours, 21 minutes.

**DKY 03189** 

THE TRAIL OF THE LONESOME PINE

By John Fox, Jr.; narrated by Marvin Weinberger

First published in 1908, this classic romantic novel is set in the Cumberland Mountains of Kentucky and Virginia. A rural mountain heroine and a northern engineer try to find love during the introduction of coal mining to the area near Big Stone Gap. Amid culture shock, feuding, and social struggles a lone pine tree stands as their symbol of hope. Some violence. 1984. 11 hours, 42 minutes.

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